

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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3. A process according to claim 1 [or 2],
characterised in that
the oxidising agent used is chlorine or hydrogen peroxide and the reducing agent used is an aldehyde, particularly formaldehyde, a formate or formic acid, a hydride or hydrogen.
4. A process according to [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterised in that
a chelating agent from the series comprising aminopolycarboxylic acids, polyhydroxycarboxylic acids, aminopolyphosphonic acids is used.
6. A process according to [one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1,
characterised in that
precipitation of the platinum group metal(s) is carried out with a reducing agent from the series comprising formaldehyde, formate or formic acid, the pH being raised continuously or in stages from 2 to 3 to 8 to 9 during the addition of the reducing agent.